

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 512 – HB 625

March 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires certain information to be included, as well as prohibits the use of certain language, on political advertisements for non-incumbent candidates.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006322): Deletes and rewrites the original bill such that the only substantive change prohibits any candidate or representative of a candidate from printing, distributing, or transporting any campaign signs or other materials implying incumbency for a candidate which is not an incumbent.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Campaign signs and materials for non-incumbent candidates will be prohibited from using the word “re-elect” or falsely implying the candidate is an incumbent.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-116, a person commits a class C misdemeanor for knowingly violating such advertising requirements.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee" followed by the letters "RNC" in a smaller, less legible script.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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